

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
ABOVEGROUND STORAGE MAGAZINE
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3568)
Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-AN

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Northeast Region
Philadelphia Support Office
U.S. Custom House
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Location: Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18:621700.4941000
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown.

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 3568 was used to store small arms and 20-mm ammunition without explosive projectiles; fuse lighters; squibs; distress signals; colored smoke grenades; certain valves or switches containing explosives; and other hazardous items.

Project Information: Building 3568 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Aboveground Storage Magazine (Building No. 3568)

Layout

Building No. 3586 is a 5,000 square-foot, one-story, concrete block building with an end-gabled roof. The roof is clad in corrugated metal and has six equally spaced metal ventilators along its peak. This building has a rectangular plan measuring 50'-0" x 100'-0". It sits on a reinforced concrete foundation supported by pilings. The front (west façade) has a prominent, 10'-0" x 100'-0", reinforced concrete loading platform that extends across its entire front. The north end of the loading platform has a 10'-0" x 30'-0" ramp that extends beyond the façade; the south end has concrete steps. Evenly spaced across the west façade are three barn-style, sliding metal doors; to the left of each door is a window treated with heavy metals shutters. The north and west walls are blank. The rear (east façade) has six equally spaced rectangular windows with heavy metal shutters. The building is painted beige.

Alterations/Additions

There have been no alterations or additions made to Building No. 3568.

Function

Building No. 3568 was used to store less hazardous items such as squibs, distress signals, arms, ammunition without explosive projectiles, and fuse lighters.

Significance

Building No. 3568 was constructed in 1956 in order to provide secure storage space for less hazardous weaponry and associated items that were essential to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) mission. As such, Building No. 3568 is a building type common to Air Force installations, and it played an important role in warehousing and protecting from the elements the weaponry and ammunition essential to SAC Cold War mission.

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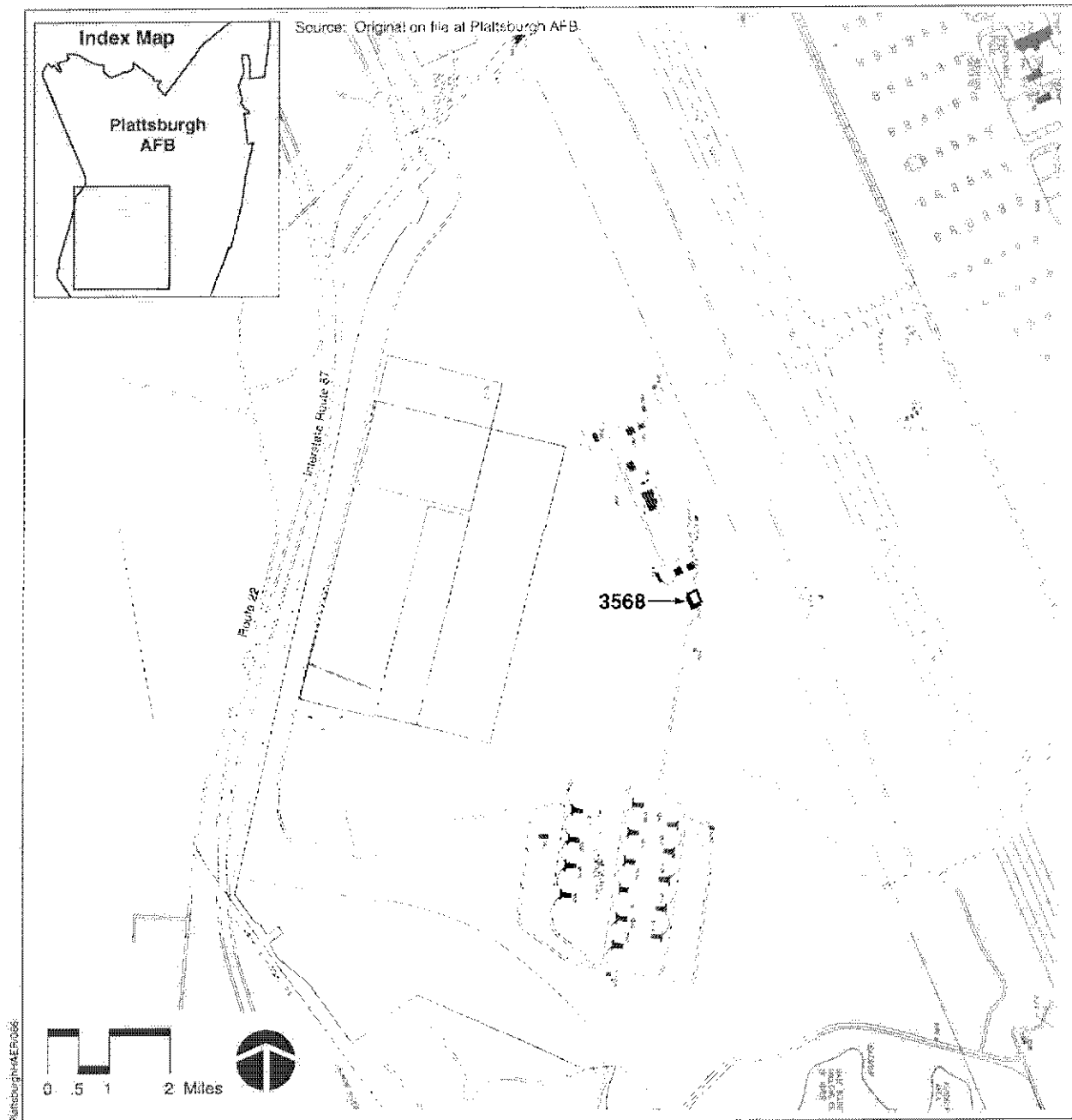
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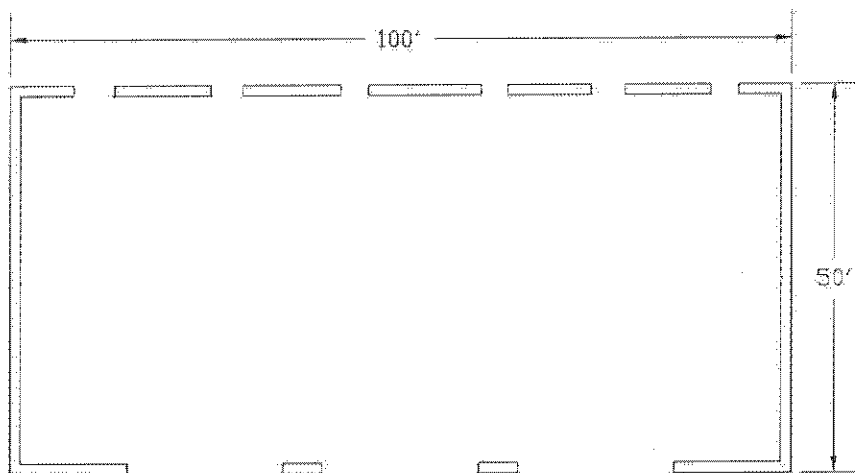
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